

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
HARRISONBURG DIVISION**

JOANNE HARRIS, et al.,)
on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,)
Plaintiffs,) Civil Action No. 5:13cv077
v.)
ROBERT F. MCDONNELL, et al.,) By: Hon. Michael F. Urbanski
Defendants.) United States District Judge

SCHEDULING ORDER

The court proposes the following as a pretrial scheduling order pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b). If no party requests changes within fourteen (14) days, it will constitute the scheduling order in this case. The court may amend the order on its own motion, or the parties may amend the order's disclosure and discovery provisions by submitting an agreed written plan that satisfies the requirements of Rule 26(f).

Summary

TRIAL DATE: June 2 – 13, 2014 (Bench Trial)
9:30 a.m.

PLACE: **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
116 N. Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

FED. R. CIV. P. 26(f) CONFERENCE: **14 days from this order**

INITIAL DISCLOSURES UNDER FED. R. CIV. P. 26(a): 30 days from this order

PLAINTIFF(S) INITIAL EXPERT DISCLOSURE: **75 days from this order**

DEFENDANT(S) INITIAL EXPERT DISCLOSURE: **90 days from this order**

DEADLINE TO COMPLETE DISCOVERY: **90 days before trial date**

DEADLINE TO FILE DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS: **75 days before trial date**

DEADLINE FOR HEARING DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS: **45 days before trial date**

DEADLINE TO FILE MOTIONS IN LIMINE **30 days before trial date**

1. **The court hears motions and conducts pretrial conferences in civil cases on Civil Motions Day, which is held in Harrisonburg on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.** Should the parties wish to schedule such a hearing in this matter, they shall confer as to each party's availability and contact Sue DePuy, Judicial Assistant, at (540) 857-5124 to schedule a hearing for the first available Civil Motions Day.

Trial and Settlement

2. This case is set for a bench trial, scheduled to begin at 9:30 am on June 2, 2014.
3. The parties shall contact Sue DePuy, Judicial Assistant, to schedule a pretrial conference to be held on an available Civil Motions Day no later than fourteen (14) days prior to trial.
4. Proposed findings of fact must be filed electronically via CM/ECF at least seven (7) days prior to trial. The parties also should email two versions (one with citations and one without) of the proposed findings of fact in Word format to urbanski.ecf@vawd.uscourts.gov, and copy opposing counsel.
5. Motions in limine, including motions objecting to introduction of deposition testimony and trial exhibits, must be filed at least thirty (30) days prior to trial.

6. If the case settles before trial and the court does not receive a proposed final order within thirty (30) days after the court received oral or written notification of the settlement, the court will dismiss the case with prejudice and retain jurisdiction to enforce the settlement if any party so moves within sixty (60) days of the entry of the dismissal order.

Motions

7. A supporting brief must accompany all pretrial motions, unless the motion contains the legal argument necessary to support it or is certified to be unopposed.

8. If any motion, properly filed and briefed, is to be opposed, a brief in opposition must be filed within fourteen (14) days of the date of service of the movant's brief (or within fourteen (14) days of this order if a motion and supporting brief were served before this order). Except for good cause shown, if a brief opposing a motion is not timely filed, the court will consider the motion to be unopposed. If a moving party desires to submit a reply brief, it must be filed within seven (7) days of the date of service of the brief opposing the motion. A surreply brief may not be filed without prior leave of the court.

9. Exclusive of any accompanying exhibits, a brief may not exceed twenty-five (25) pages in length using standard margins, double-spaced lines, and a font no smaller than 12-point Times New Roman, unless the filing party first obtains leave of the court after showing good cause why a longer brief is necessary.

10. When a dispositive motion, together with its supporting brief and exhibits, consists of fifty (50) or more pages, the filing party must send a paper courtesy copy of the documents to the chambers of the presiding Judge at 210 Franklin Road, SW, Suite 350, Roanoke, VA 24011-2208.

11. No motion, brief, or exhibit may be filed under seal, except as allowed by the mandatory provisions of Western District of Virginia General Local Rule 9. The requirements of General Local Rule 9 may not be modified by a stipulated protective order or other agreement of the parties.

12. All nondispositive pretrial motions and issues, except motions in limine, are hereby referred to United States Magistrate Judge Robert S. Ballou pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A).

13. If any party desires a hearing on any dispositive motion or appeal of a nondispositive motion referred to the United States Magistrate Judge, then no later than fourteen (14) days after the filing of the last brief on the motion, that party must contact Sue DePuy, Judicial

Assistant, to set a hearing date on an available Civil Motions Day. If no hearing on the motion is necessary, the moving party must file a notice that the motion is ripe for decision, no later than fourteen (14) days after the filing of the last brief on the motion. In any event, if within forty-five (45) days of the filing of any pretrial motion, no party has scheduled the motion for hearing or advised the court that the motion is ripe for decision, the court may deny the motion with or without prejudice.

14. Nondispositive motions, including motions for enlargement of time, whether or not opposed, may be acted upon at any time by the court, without awaiting a response, and any party adversely affected by such action may request reconsideration, vacation or modification.

Witnesses

15. Expert witnesses who are retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony in the case or whose duties as an employee of the party regularly involve giving expert testimony must prepare a written report that conforms to the requirements of Rule 26(a)(2)(B). Unless the parties otherwise agree or the court otherwise directs, the plaintiff must submit the written report of each expert not later than seventy-five (75) days from the date of this order, and the defendant must submit the written report of each expert no later than ninety (90) days from the date of this order. Supplemental and additional reports may be thereafter submitted, if submitted in sufficient time that discovery, if desired, can be completed reasonably by the discovery cutoff date without undue duplication and expense.

16. With respect to expert witnesses who are not retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony, such as a treating physician, or other person who may qualify as both an expert and a fact witness, the plaintiff must disclose the identity of any such witnesses and provide

a summary of all opinions the witness will render and the basis therefore not later than seventy-five (75) days from the date of this order. The defendant must disclose the identity of any such witness and provide a summary of all opinions the witness will render and the basis therefore not later than ninety (90) days from the date of this order. Supplemental and additional disclosures may be thereafter submitted, if submitted in sufficient time that discovery, if desired, can be completed reasonably by the discovery cutoff date without undue duplication and expense.

17. Any motion to exclude the testimony of an expert based on the sufficiency or reliability of the expert's testimony must be filed no later than the deadline for filing motions for summary judgment.

18. The parties shall exchange lists of trial exhibits to be used in their case-in-chief and witnesses they expect to call in their case-in-chief at trial no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to trial. For each witness, the list shall include the witness's name and address and a summary of the witness's anticipated testimony.

Settlement Conference / Mediation

19. Upon motion of any party, the court will refer the case to a magistrate judge to conduct a settlement conference / mediation.

It is so **ORDERED**.

Entered: September 17, 2013

/s/ Michael F. Urbanski

Michael F. Urbanski
United States District Judge